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APPLICANT: David Cooperberg, et al.

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EXAMINER: Patel, R.

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APPLICANT'S COMMENTS ON REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

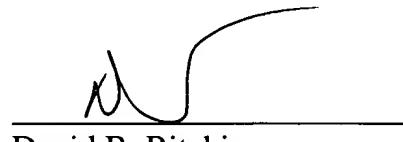
These comments are responsive to the Notice of Allowability mailed on May 22, 2001, which sets forth the Examiner's statement of reasons for allowance.

The Examiner is thanked for the kind allowance of all pending claims (i.e. claims 1 through 19). Applicants acknowledge the Examiner's statement of reasons for allowance as set forth in the Notice of Allowability. However, Applicants point out that the reasons for allowability of the above referenced claims are not limited to the reasons for allowance as set forth in the Notice of Allowability, and that additional reasons for allowability may exist, each of which may be independently sufficient to establish the patentability of one or more pending claims.

Applicants respectfully reserve the right to introduce, articulate, or otherwise comment on any such additional reasons for allowance as may be appropriate in any future proceedings concerning the claimed invention.

Respectfully submitted,
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TRANSMITTAL FOR FORMAL DRAWINGS

In response to the Notice of Allowance dated May 22, 2001, attached for filing
please find four (4) sheets five (5) drawings of formal drawings.

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